

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of G.J.H., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

HORACE WINFRED CRUMP, JR.,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

ROSE ANN HIGGINS,

Respondent.

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May 22, 2003

No. 241947

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-395066

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and White and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from an order terminating his parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A. 19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i), (g), (h), and (k)(i). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence demonstrated that respondent-appellant was serving a natural life sentence. Respondent-appellant was never offered a parent-agency services plan because such a plan would have been futile where respondent-appellant would not have had an opportunity to provide the child with direct care. During the time that the child was first made a temporary ward of the state until the termination hearing almost two years later, respondent-appellant wrote the child only once. Additionally, respondent-appellant never offered the agency any information regarding the possibility of alternative care for the child through relative placement.

Finally, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341,

356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was no evidence that respondent-appellant and the child shared any kind of relationship with one another.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio